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OF THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE ..

TOWN OF HANOVER,

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ALSO, OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 11, 1862.

HANOVER, N. H.

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Town of Hanover in account with their Overseers of the Poor,

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From March 12, 1861 to March 11, 1862.

To amount of Property at the Town Farm, Feb. 15, 1862,

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By amount of Property at the Town Farm, Feb. 16, 1861,

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To paid Store and Mechanics' bills for Labor and	482 02	By Cash for Labor, Produce, and Stock sold	371 56
Miscellaneous Expenses	504 93	of County for support of County Paupers	589 89
for Town and County Paupers	109 66	W. H. Poole's account	3 15
Physicians' Bills	2 75	Peter Bugbee's account	10 20
Due from H. P. Chamberlain	10 20	C. Minor Smith's account	4 58
P. Bugbee's account	4 58	J. L. Dewey on old account	93
C. Minor Smith's account	3 87	do. Note	3 87
J. L. Dewey's Note	110 20		
Paid L. G. Colburn	1228 21	Amount of credits	984 18
		Amount of charges	1228 21
		Balance in favor of Selectmen	242 58
		Balance in hands of Selectmen on Town account	259 78
			15 75

Amount of School Money,

Amount of School Money for the Town of Hanover, paid by the Selectmen to the several P. S. Committees of the several School Districts as receipted respectively.

Districts.	S. C. Tax.	S. C. Fund,
No. 1, William Tennney,	462 81	13 00
2, Frank L. Simmons,	50 16	13 00
3, Asa Camp,	38 98	13 00
4, William Hall,	83 06	13 00
5, J. W. Dodge,	120 32	15 00
6, Wm. Fullington,	40 00	13 00
7, Rufus Camp,	69 44	13 00
8, William Hatch,	26 22	13 00
9, E. C. Delano,	32 00	13 00
10, J. M. Kinney,	34 97	13 00
11, Sylvester Cross,	16 00	13 00
12, Thomas M. Colby,	29 76	13 00
13, David Camp,	52 82	13 00
14, N. H. Emerson,	17 00	13 00
15, Stephen D. Smith,	26 12	13 00
16, Levi M. Goss,	22 28	13 00
17, Charles Houston,	58 24	13 00
18, David Walker,	15 42	13 00
Teachers' Institute,	24 40	
	\$1,220 00	234 00

Received from other sources as follows :

Of State Treasurer Literary Fund,	129 00
J. W. Dodge 4.03 ; U. Dow 4.97,	9 00
H. H. Withington 9.25 ; C. Camp 1.50,	10 75
Jer Chandler 13.41 ; P. D. Tenney 19.62,	33 03
E. Durkee 5.35 ; J. C. Childs 5.43,	10 78
O. Pinneo 4.69 ;	4 69
F. D. Slade 3.26 ; John Tenney 3.90,	7 16
George Clarke 11.00 ; John Huntoon 15.21,	26 21
Amos Woodward,	6 60
	\$237 22

The donation of the late Jonathan Freeman, Esq., for an accumulating School Fund, with its additions is in the hands of Russell Goss, and George Clark, amounting, February 20, 1862, to 161.75. Also, Asa Brown's note, amounting Feb. 20, to 9.80, the whole, amounting to 171.65.

Repairs of Highways and Bridges.

No. 17	To D. Morrill's bill painting and lettering two signboards 8 25, furnishing 1 board, to G. W. Kibling for putting up sign, ,35	8 60
2	To E. W. Goodrich to 30 hours work,	3 00
3	Isaac Camp to 226 feet plank and 2 stringers, David Camp to 137 feet bridge plank and timber, John Sanborn 587 feet plank and lumber,	2 45 1 80 3 70
	R. Bradbury 222 feet do. do.	1 55
4	To Alvin Merrill 374 feet plank, 49 hours work,	7 90
5	To John Gould 1,870 do. John Huntoon for work and timber, Lothrop Waterman, do.	13 05 5 60 9 24
6	Wm. P. Hays for 509 feet timber,	3 56
5	To W. P. Hays for 500 feet do. 11 do.	4 87
7	To S. W. Durkee for 567 feet plank and 45 hours work,	8 46
8	To John Sandborn for 900 feet planks.	6 30
9	To E. C. Delano for 108 feet plank, 1 log,	1 31
11	To H. N. Merrill for 66 feet do.	46
12	Richard Fitts for 100 do. 4 hours work, O. R. Withington for 315 do. 50 hours do.	1 00 6 89
13	Converse Fitts for 7 hours work,	70
14	W. C. Emerson for 129 do. To oxen, plough and scraper,	12 90 2 65
15	A. K. Melendy, 122 hours work; 20 hours do. 1,138 feet plank 5,69; fixing bridge and water course,	14 20 7 79
	J. Eastman, 80 hours work,	8 00
16	George Clark, 25 hours do. 200 feet plank, D. S. Bullock for 25 hours do. and 380 feet plank,	3 90 4 80
17	W. P. Hays for 1,000 feet plank,	7 50
18	J. B. Paddleford for plank and timber,	2 90
15	H. Pressey for work and timber,	2 82
		157 90

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid O. S. Ingalls for recording Town Meetings and making return,	4 00
Recording Invoice,	3 00
Drawing and Notifying Jurors,	5 00
Recording births, deaths and marriages,	2 00
Paid O. S. Ingalls for copying old book of births, deaths and marriages, \$12 00	
To one affidavit,	50
error in settlement in 1859,	1 30
Paid Daniel Blaisdell, bill for services,	5 00
Joseph Tenney for use of Hall,	30 00
for Insurance on Bridge, 9.75—8.17	17 92
do. Town Farm,	5 79
S. W. Durkee as Superintending School Committee,	25 00
T. R. Crosby as do. do.	23 33
32 enginemen 1.50 each,	48 00
Amos Woodward for watering trough,	3 00
A. Smalley for do. do.	3 00
D. A. Poland for do. do. 2 years	3 50
D. Kimball, 500 Town Reports,	19 00
D. Hurlburr's bill collecting Taxes,	52 00
I. O. Dewey's bill,	85
F. L. Owen's bill for perambulating town lines,	6 00
J. L. Bridgman's bill for expenses to Concord, Danbury, Blank books, Stationary, stamps and Express bill—and Expense Perambulating,	11 91

J. S. Adams, bill, expenses to Haverhill, Enfield, Stamps and Stationery, old accounts at Dewey & Co.	9 14
J. S. Adams, bill, to paid Town Clerk Upper Gilmanton,	1 00
Paid—J. L. Bridgman as Selectman	\$65 25
J. S. Adams as do.	45 75
J. S. Perley as do.	30 50
J. S. Adams as Treasurer,	5 00
	\$419 74

Cash received from other sources.

From Town of Concord in Ellen Currier Case	4 00
District No. 1,	19 03
do. 15,	6 00
Town of Lyme for perambulating	2 00
of Canaan for do.	2 00
of Lebanon for do.	7 00
of Grantham Small Pox Case	57 00
B. D. Howe for fine collected for fast driving on bridge	2 50
Liquor Agent, J. A. Smith	82 79
R. C. Durkee	1,100 00
J. S. Perley	100 00
	1,376 32

Former Debts.

Paid Robert Kimball interest on note	\$191 00
Lucian Spaulding note and interest	157 68
Timothy Tilden, Jr., do.	513 65
David Eaton do.	561 80
Mary E. Whittier, Interest on note	83 32
J. S. Adams do.	54 49
Chas. G. Chandler for labor on farm—1860	337 42
Paid J. A. Smith for vaccinating 732 persons	122 00
Dr. Currie do. 63 do.	12 60
do. bill for Hannah Goss	9 00
David Kimball bill for printing 500 reports	19 00
J. L. Dewey's old account	93
U. Dow interest on notes	4 97
Mary E. Whittier, interest on note	82 50
	\$2,150 36

Cash paid Soldiers' Family.

Paid Edward Pelton's Family	54 00
Wm. Corey's do.	51 00
G. W. Damsdell do.	47 84
do. do.	27 00
W. H. Adams do.	24 74
David Carlisle do.	27 00
Otis C. Wyatt do.	9 00
Everett S. Fitch do.	15 00
James Donaldson do.	52 00
Wm. Merrett do.	35 60
Stephen D. Smith do.	25 70
Elias Smith do.	15 00
Alonzo Smith do.	18 00
Wm. Tilton do.	32 00
Thomas Watts,	32 00
	\$465 28

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

Inventory of Property on the Town Farm, Feb. 16, 1861.

19 tons of hay, 285.00 ; lot of straw and corn-fodder, 15.00,	300 00
1 pair oxen, 130 ; 5 cows, 110 ; 3 two-year-olds, 45,	285 00
95 sheep, 332.50 ; 2 shoats, 20,	352 58
108 bu. wheat, 144 ; 200 bu. oats, 80 ; 18 bu. buckwheat, 10,	234 00
175 bush. corn, 145 ; 1 bush. peas, 1-2 bush. beans, 2,	147 00
100 bush. potatoes, 25 ; 50 bush. turnips, 8 ; 1 bbl. pickles, 2,	35 00
2 bbls. cider, 4 ; 3 gals. boiled cider, 1 ; 1 bbl. soap, 8,	13 00
700 lbs. salt pork, 84 ; 350 lbs. ham and shoulder, 42,	126 00
350 lbs. salt beef, 28 ; 75 lbs. beef to dry, 9 ; 30 lbs. fresh meet, 2,	39 00
110 lbs. lard, 17 ; 73 lbs. tallow, 7.30 ; 62 lbs. candles, 7.50,	31 80
130 lbs. cheese, 13 ; 65 lbs. butter, 13 ; 100 dried apples, 6,	32 00
14 lbs. dried pumpkin, .50 ; 29 lbs. sugar, 2.32,	2 82
6 pairs feetings, 3 ; 2 lbs. stocking yarn, 2,	5 00
30 lbs. sausages, 4.50,	4 50
	\$1607 62

We estimate the Farming Tools and Household Furniture as good as they were one year ago. 50 rods of stone wall built the past season. Also, one half a barn shingled.

ARA WRIGHT, JULIUS J. MASON, Appraisers.

Inventory of Property on the Town Farm, Feb. 15, 1862.

40 tons hay	320.00	Lot straw	6.00	1 pair oxen	140.00	466 00
2 pr 3-years old steers	117.00	5 cows	125.00			242 00
1 3-years-old heifer	15.00	4 2-years-old	52.00			67 00
2 yearlings	16.00	2 shoats	25.00	164 sheep	615.00	656 00
135 bush. wheat	168.75	60 do. corn	45.00			213 75
150 bu. oats	52.50	5 do. peas	7.5	8 do. beans	16.00	76 00
3 do. barley	2.25	5 do. herds-grass seed	15.00			17 25
800 lbs. plaster	4.00	2 bu. salt	1.20	200 bu. potatoes	50.00	55 20
50 bu. Turnips	8.33	vegetables	3.00	200 lbs. salt beef	16.00	29 03
100 do. old beef	4.00	800 lbs. salt pork	96.00			100 00
200 do. ham	24.00	100 do. old shoulders	3.00			27 00
170 do. cheese	13.60	100 lbs. lard	14.00	30 lbs butter	5.40	33 00
5 galls. molasses	2.10	1½ bhls. soap	4.50	1 bbl. cider	1.00	7 60
2 galls. boiled cider	100	10 lbs dried beef	1.50			2 50
110 lbs tallow	9.90	125 lbs flour	4.38	70 lbs meal	1.00	15 28
15 lbs sugar	1.65	tea	1.00	60 lbs candles	7.80	10 45
21 lbs dried pumpkins	.84	3 lbs wool rolls	3.00			3 84
8 lbs wool	4.00	Cotton batting	.17			4 17
31 lbs. dried apples	3.87	52 lbs sausages	7.28			11 15
5 pr feeting	2.10	5½ lbs wool yarn	5.50			7 60

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We estimate the Farming Tools and Household Furniture as good as one year ago. 25 rods of stone wall built the past season.

Amount of Produce sold from the Town Farm, from Feb. 16, 1861, to Feb. 15, 1862.

May 15.	15 Bushel oats to L. G. Colburn,	6.00.
June 4.	1 1-2 bush. buckwheat to A. D. Johnson,	1.12
July 1.	1 calf to H. Durkee,	4.50
	D. Eaton to 1-8 bushel buckwheat,	.09
	W. Hall to 1-8 bushel do.	.08
	J. Pendergrass to 6 12-16 lbs. Salt Pork,	.83
Oct. 18.	A. D. Johnson, 1 hog,	9.00
21.	J. B. Allen, 18 4-16 butter,	2.74
	do. 44 3-4 do.	3.71
	do. 48 lbs. squash,	.48
Dec. 16.	H. Durkee, 72 lbs. chickens,	6.11
30.	J. Sullivan, 257 lbs. pork,	16.70
	J. B. Allen, 46 1-2 lard,	6.04
	F. L. Owen to one day butchering,	1.00
	J. Howe, do. do.	.75
	J. Teuney do. do.	1.00
	O. S. Ingalls do. do.	.50
	J. S. Perley, 50; A. D. Johnson, 1.00;	1.75
Jan. 6.	H. Benton, 171 lbs. beef,	10.25
	W. Hall to one beef hide,	5.12
Jan. 14.	A. D. Johnson, old sythes,	.75
	J. J. Mason, butchering, 83; one sheep rock, 50;	1.33
	1-2 bushel corn,	.40
	W. Hall for butchering,	.40
	J. Gerrish for 89 fleeces wool 445 lbs.	186.90
	J. Ross, one hog 258 lbs.	16.75

	L. G. Colburn, 1 pig 222 lbs.	14.43
	J. L. Bridgman, 1 day shearing sheep,	1.50-300 23
	W. Hall, to 4 bushel buckwheat, 3 00; 2 bu. potatoes.	50, 3.50
May.	L. G. Colburn, 6 days work	6.00
	W. Daniels, for 2 do. do.	2.00
	do. 2 1-2 do. for horse,	1.25
Aug.	L. G. Colburn, to 2 days work,	2.00
Sept. and Nov.	to 4 do. do. 4.00; to 3 days work, 3.00, 9.00	-91 75
	Old rags, 25; Sold to S. W. Cobb, butter and lard, 15.12, 15.37	
	Sold to I. O. Dewey, 3 prs. socks,	1.20
	Dodge & Huntington,	27.23
	I. O. Dewey, old account,	1.64
	A. Matson, 1 bushel wheat,	1.35
	Frank Stephens, 7 1-4 lbs. butter,	1.45
	Mrs. Sowerby, 1 lb. stocking yarn,	1.00
	S. Metcalf, to 1-3 lb. do. do.	34-49.58

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*Amount paid as expenses at the Town Farm, from Feb.
16th, 1861, to Feb. 15th, 1862.*

May 3.	L. D. Gove's bili,	2 05
	Dodge & Huntington's bill,	83
	John Wright's services,	1 00
	Mr. Thomas shoe horse and repairing wagon,	1 10
	J. L. Bridgman to four bushels barley,	2 67
	S. W. Cobb for grass seed,	1 88
June 6.	Hildreth to 1 iron pot,	1 38
14.	J. Pendergrass for washing sheep,	85
21.	A. Merrill and boy shearing sheep,	3 00
July 2.	J. Gould, for joist,	17
8.	Daniel Dimick for shoe horse,	33
12.	A. Wainwright for 1 pail,	50
13.	Joseph Frenchman,	1 00
24.	J. Carpenter,	2 00
	A. Paynard, for five days work,	5 00
	G. W. Worthen for two scythes,	1 24
Aug. 7.	P. W. Durkee for 1 1-2 days' work,	1 50
	Tin Pedler, tin ware,	24
Sept. 10.	J. Pendergrass for 1 3-4 days reaping,	1 75
15.	Dr. Dickey for medicines,	60
18.	Hildreth for reparing tin,	18
Oct. 15.	L. G. Colburn for 1 drag, 1.50; Oct. 22, 1 pair boots, 1.25, 2 75	
	T. Lamders for mortar, 1.50; Gustin mending tin, 08,	1 58
	A. Rock for 1 pair shoes (Sowerby,)	1 00
23.	J. S. Hinckley to mending chain,	28
24.	Cambridge to carding rolls,	1 34
	E. Tenney for freight on rolls,	25-36 47
Nov. 2.	A. Wainwright for 1 teakettle,	1 25
5.	Hildreth to lead pipe,	83
8.	J. Owen to 1 1-2 days threshing,	1 12
12.	I. Carpenter for 1 pair spectacles,	25
19.	J. Murch for shoe horse,	80
	M. Corlege for 2 pair suspenders,	33
21.	J. Howe for 12 spikes,	16
Dec. 28.	Hildreth for 1 lantern,	67
30.	L. D. Gove for shoeing horse,	25
	J. L. Hinkley for shoeing horse and oxen,	1 05
	J. Gould for sled roll,	17
Jan. 3.	J. Howe for joist,	12
7.	J. Huntoon's bill,	3 85

14.	A. D. Johnson for use meat cutter,	25
16.	J. H. Fales' bill,	1 51
26.	L. M. Mordey for 4 days' work,	4 08
	J. J. Mason for pasturing two calves,	88
April.	R. Abbott for filing law,	16
18.	S. Metcalf for mending shoes (J. Huntoon,)	12
May 3.	Dodge & Huntington (for Mrs. Sowerby,)	18
	John Gould's bill,	12 57
June 29.	Peter Chase for mending carpenter's tools,	50
	D. & H. to two yds. print for Sowerby,	18
	W. Hall for shearing sheep, 1.50; use bull, 1.00,	2 50
	Warren Daniel's bill for labor,	33 00
	A. Pinnart's bill, 9.21; L. M. Newell's bill, 67.50,	76 71
	P. W. Durkee's bill, and 6 head cattle,	77 00
	Newspaper postage,	53
	New-England Farmer,	1 12
	P. W. Durkee's bill,	8 38
	Bridgmans & McPherson's bill threshing,	14 50
	I. O. Dewey's bill,	3 96
	J. L. Bridgman's bill as Overseer of Poor,	31 00
	J. S. Adams do. do.	24 50
	J. S. Perley do. do.	12 25
	A. D. Johnson, bill one heifer,	13 00
	do. balance between cattle,	7 90
	F. H. Fales' bill as blacksmith,	4 84
	Leonard Clement for laying wall,	7 50
	J. J. Mason for appraising Town Farm, 1861,	1 00
	A. T. Dudley for do. do.	1 00
	H. H. Withington do. do.	1 00
	Dodge & Huntington's bill for merchandize,	92 58
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Paid for Town Paupers.

Insane Asylum for P. Buck one year,	122 53
do. do. Mrs. Edwards,	16 10
S. W. Cobb's bill for Mrs. Frank Stephens,	44 24
do. do. Town Farm,	18 49
I. O. Dewey's bill for L. Corey's,	3 19
do. do. Huldah Smith,	1 97
Marshal Jenks for Louisa Runnels,	25 00
Josiah Norris, Jr., for support of Josiah Norris, three bills,	32 35
Salvina Everett for support of Huldah Smith,	14 00
Town Croydon's bill for Stephen Brown,	12 19
Amos Dewey's bill for Dudley Sandborn,	15 00
George Clark's bill for Widow J. C. Cross,	6 00
Pattie & Perley's bill for Aaron Hadley, 14.21; second bill, 5 00,	19 21
S. Withington's bill for Hannah Goss, 3 bills,	9 25
Washington Burnham for do. do.	1 00
B. S. Templeton for Mrs. F. Stephens,	6 00
Hanover Aqueduct Co., 3 bills for F. Stephens,	4 50
J. M. Aldrich bill funeral expenses, Frank Stephens,	3 00
F. H. Nichols for coffin F. Stephens, coffin for A. Hadley,	9 00
J. B. Allen bill for team to carry coffin over mountain to Hadley's,	1 25
J. L. Bridgman's bill, Mrs. F. Stephens,	80
C. Balch, bill for L. Corey family,	17 50
M. Bradbury for do. do.	2 50
Augusta Everett for do. do.	5 00
J. L. Bridgman's bill for L. Corey,	1 00
Sarah Palmer's bill for Mrs. Edwards,	2 00
E. M. Lewis' bill for Mrs. Deuine,	2 24

J. S. Woodman's bill	do.	3 25
Paid Frank Stephens	7 1-4 lbs. butter (from Town Farm,)	1 45

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Paid for County Paupers.

Asa Huntington for A. Matson,	13 96
Silas Chandler's bill for Ellen Crowley,	10 00
Mrs. M. Everett's bill for Mrs. M. Whiting,	12 00
do. also 4 bills for do.	28 00
Mary Kimball, bill for Marinda F. Michael,	10 00
I. O. Dewey's bill for Sally Metcalf & Sowerby,	2 75
N. E. Emery's bill for Mrs. K. Henry,	1 50
J. Pendergrass' bill for Carroll,	1 00
J. L. Bridgman's bill for D. Carlisle,	5 75
do. do. G. W. Ramsdell,	3 75
do. do. Marinda F. Michael,	8 00
J. S. Adams' bill for 6 transient persons,	5 75
A. Matson for 1 bushel wheat,	1 12
Mrs. Sowerby for 1 lb. stocking yarn,	1 00
Mrs. Metcalf 1-3 lb. do. do.	34

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Physicians' Bills.

James A. Smith, for Mrs. L. Corey, Mrs. Runnels, George Wright, and Frank Stephens,	\$74 41
A. Wheat (Cannan) for A. Hadley,	25 00
Currie & Bullard (Enfield) do.	5 25
T. R. Crosby for Mrs. Runnals,	5 00

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Report of Liquor Agent.

The agent for the purchase, and sale, of liquors for the Town of Hanover, submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 18th, 1862.

On hand Feb. 18th, 1861,	\$121 81
Received for liquors during the year,	699 40—821 21
Paid for liquors during the year,	600 07
do. freight, carting and expenses,	29 95
do. Agent's salary,	104 17
do. Insurance on Stock,	4 27
Acc. book and faucets,	97
Cash on hand, Feb. 18th, 1862,	81 80—821 21

Stock on hand, Feb. 18th, 1861.

Amount of liquors, casks, &c.	298 83
Cash,	121 81—420 64

Stock on hand, Feb. 18th, 1862.

Amount of liquors casks, &c.	421 63
Cash,	81 80—503 43

Balance in favor of Town, 8278

JAMES A. SMITH, AGENT.

Hanover, Feb. 20th, 1862.

The Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor credit the Town

Balance of cash in their hands	18 13
They report as due the Town on Tax Bills, Notes, &c. as follows :	
Due from the State for aid to Soldiers' Families	465 28
O. S. Ingalls' Note of 1857 5.33 ; do. of 1868 22.06	27 39
do. of 1860 34.17 ; D. Hurlburt's Note of 1861 489.65	523 82
Wm. M. Withington's Note 1.94 ; J. L. Dewey's Note 3.87	5 81
H. P. Chamberlain's Note 2.75 ; P. Bugbee's 10.20	12 95
C. Minor Smith	4 58
From County for support of Paupers	439 33
Invoice of Liquors in hands of J. A. Smith, according to his Report of Feb. 18, 1862	420 64
Value of Land conveyed to the Town by the Trustees of Dartmouth College	100 00
	2017 93

THE TOWN OWES

U. Dow	about	372.00	Jason Dudley	about	270.00	642 00
O. S. Ingalls	about	158.00	Robert Kimball	"	1010.00	1168 00
Ja's. S. Adams	"	302.00	Mary E. Whittier	"	1375.00	1677 00
Isaac Fellows	"	330.00	Abigail Fellows	"	470.00	800 00
J. S. Perley	"	100 00	Ruel C. Durkee	"	1144.00	1244 00

Total amount the Town owes,	\$5531 00
Total amount of assets,	2017 93

Balance against the Town,	\$3513 07
J. Williams' bequest,	200 00

Total amount of Indebtedness,	\$3713 07
The amount received by the Overseers of the Poor, for Produce and Stock from the Town Farm is	\$371 56
Amount due from the County for the support of County paupers,	\$439 33
Excess of Inventory over that of 1861,	435 50

Amount paid for labor, store and mechanic's bill on account of the Farm,	1246 39
Paid for support of Paupers off the Farm	\$482 02
Physicians' Bills in full,	\$449 79
Due L. G. Colburn, the agent for labor,	\$109 66
	\$139 80
Total,	<u>1181 27</u>

Balance in favor of Town on account of Town Farm,	65 12
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We have found the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poors to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

JOHN S. WOODMAN, }
 ULYSSES DOW, } AUDITORS.

HANOVER, FEB. 25, 1862.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The scholars of this District are divided into two departments, according to age. In each of these there have been three terms of school during the year. The younger scholars have been taught through the year by Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, who has taught the same department for 9 years. This long experience has rendered her admirably skilled in the management and instruction of the quite young.

The Summer term of the other department was in charge of Miss Hannah B. Corey, a lady of high literary accomplishments and experience in teaching.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Addie M. Davis, of whom it is sufficient praise to say, she is thoroughly versed in the studies pursued in common schools, energetic and conscientious in her efforts, and thoroughly alive to the importance of her employment.

The Winter term, under Mr. O. L. Cross, has been very successful, and the school has been in most respects a model one.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

There was no Summer School. A Fall term of eight and a Winter term of six weeks was taught by Miss Susanna Chandler. Miss C. labored diligently, nor were her labors unrewarded. Good progress was made in the various branches pursued.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Ellen M. Camp, an energetic and successful teacher.

The Win'er term was commenced by Mr. C. C. Daniels, a young man of excellent literary qualifications, but lacking the ability requisite to govern a school. He was discharged after keeping five and one half days. He was succeeded by Mr. Cyrus Camp, who taught nine

days. The Committee did not visit the school during this part of the term. The term was finished by Mr. L. C. Hurlbutt, who gave good satisfaction : he had a well managed and profitable school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

There have been three terms of school in this District. The Summer term was taught by Miss Lucy E. Fellows. The Fall term was taught by Miss Josephine M. Parker. Both these terms were *all* that could reasonably be expected of schools under the common District system. The schools were well managed and well taught. The Winter term was taught by Mr. D. W. Elliot. Mr. Elliot was an active, enthusiastic teacher and the school made good progress during the term.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

All the scholars of this District were in one school during the Summer term, under the charge and instruction of Miss Addie M. Davis, an experienced and excellent teacher. The Winter school was taught by Mr. B. Frank Wright, and was a good specimen of quiet, order, habits of study, and progress. The younger scholars were well taught by Miss Ellen M. Camp.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Susannah Chandler and was quietly managed, but lacked animation. Commendable progress was made in most of the studies. The Winter term was taught by Mr. John Hopkins, a teacher every way qualified to keep a good school.—The order in the school was good and the instruction thorough.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Lydia Alden. The scholars, although governed with too much lenity, made good improvement.

The Fall term, taught by Miss Joanna W. Camp, was conducted in a quiet, orderly manner and with good improvement. The Winter term of ten weeks was taught by Miss L. A. Goodell, a very faithful and efficient teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

The Summer and Winter terms were taught by Miss Joanna Camp. The order and general appearance of the school were good. The Summer term was interrupted by sickness. During the Winter term the classes in Geography and Grammar made decided improvement, while in Arithmetic there appeared to be a lack of thoroughness.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

There have been in this District a Summer, taught by Miss Lizzie J. Garland, and a Fall term taught by Miss Cynthia Pennock. Both teachers were energetic and faithful. The scholars were quiet and orderly, and made good progress in their studies. Owing to the small number of scholars and the dilapidated condition of the house, no Winter term was held. Several of the older scholars however regularly attended in other Districts.



DISTRICT NO. 10.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Persis P. Morse. The attendance and discipline of the school were excellent, and good progress in study was made. The Winter term was taught Miss Mary C. Rawson. The average attendance of scholars reported was 10. Only 4 were present when the school was visited. Although the number in attendance was small, it was truly a model school.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Lizzie D. Burleigh, an excellent teacher. The discipline of the school was excellent, and the efforts of Miss B. were indefatigable. The Fall term was taught by Miss E. K. Webster. No visit was made to the school during this term.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Lorinda C. Withington, an experienced and successful teacher. The school was a pleasant and a profitable one. The Winter term was taught by Mr. M. G. Colby.-- The school appeared well at the commencement, but was not visited at its close. It was, however, highly spoken of.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Laura A. Camp, an apt, patient and successful teacher. The Winter term was taught by Mr. S. W. Durkee. Energy, activity and a desire to improve, on the part of the scholars, the sympathy and co-operation of parents, made it a pleasant school.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

There was no Summer school. A winter term was taught by Miss L. C. Withington. The number of scholars was 5. The school, although small, was none the less profitable.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

The Summer school was taught by Miss Statira S. Jones. The Winter term was taught by Miss Edna Jones. Both were kind, patient, and diligent teachers and the schools were well taught.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

The Summer school was taught by Mrs. S. B. Clarke. The Winter term was commenced by Mr. Z. A. Leach, but was prematurely closed by sickness among the scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

The Summer term was taught by Miss M. A. Waugh, an energetic and successful teacher. The Winter term was commenced by the same teacher. Not far from the middle of the term Miss Waugh was invited to another sphere of usefulness, and left, much to the regret of the District. Fortunately, Miss A. M. Davis was secured for the balance of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

The Summer term of this school was under the instruction of Miss Elizabeth Smith. The scholars made commendable progress. The Winter term was not visited, and at the time of making this Report no account of the term had been received.

The Committee would congratulate the Town upon the general excellence of the schools. With one or two exceptions, more than an average standard has been attained. While some of the Districts have approached as near to the model school as is possible under the embarrassments of the District system. The fundamental studies have been made prominent objects of attention, and good progress has been made in them. Reading, spelling and writing lie at the bottom of all successful advancement. The first two of these have received appropriate attention. The last, writing, is, in the opinion of your Committee, too much neglected. In some of the Districts not a single scholar in this branch has been found. This cannot be neglected without obvious injury.

It has been a source of gratification to your Committee to find but few *fancy* studies in the schools. It is their belief that the time of pupilage in our common schools is too short to admit of a great range of study; that the time and labor of both teacher and scholar in the common school should be devoted to laying broad and deep the foundation of a more enlarged education to be acquired in other schools. The studies assigned to the common school are those needed by every one in the ordinary business of life. If these are thoroughly mastered the individual can never be considered as uneducated. Without these, all the proficiency that can be made in other studies can never do away with the impression of an incomplete education.

One of the principal defects of our present system of schools is the constant change of teachers. If by chance a poor teacher has been employed, a change is of course desirable; but if on the other hand a good one has been secured, a great loss is sustained by change. It takes time for a teacher to become acquainted with the various scholars placed under his charge. This knowledge is indispensable to the best results. When this has been once acquired, and the habits of mind, temperaments, dispositions and advancement of the scholars are known to the teacher, much time and labor are saved, and the work of education goes on from term to term with almost none of the drawbacks that attend a change of teacher with every term of school.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend to the several Districts, a systematic effort to secure a good teacher in the first place, and to retain the same teacher as long as possible. Wherever the arrangement of schools is receiving the most attention, the greater efforts are made to constitute teaching a distinct profession. Inducements are offered to teachers, to make teaching their life-long business and in many cases teachers are settled over schools for a term of years.

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